

Acronym	Full Name of Organization
ACIP	Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
APHL	Association of Public Health Laboratories
ARDS	Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome
ATS	American Thoracic Society
BCDC	Bureau of Communicable Disease Control
BOH	Board of Health
BPHC	Boston Public Health Commission
BRFSS	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey
BSAS	Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
BTS	British Thoracic Society
CAP	Community-acquired Pneumonia
CBC	Complete Blood Count
CCLS	Center for Clinical and Laboratory Services
CDC	Center for Disease Control and Prevention
CEH	Center for Environmental Health
CEMP	Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
CEP	Center for Emergency Preparedness
CHB	Children's Hospital Boston
CMGA	Crisis Management Group Associates
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
COG	Continuity of Government
COOP	Continuity of Operations Plan
COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
CURB-65	Confusion, Urea nitrogen, Respiratory rate, Blood pressure, 65 yrs.+
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DOD	Department of Defense
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EARS	Early Aberration Reporting System
ED	Emergency Department
EDS	Emergency Dispensing Site
EDSOTM	Emergency Dispensing Site Operation and Management Plan
ELR	Electronic Laboratory Reporting
EOHHS	Executive Office for Health and Human Services
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act
ENDS	Early Notification of Death System
EOPS	Executive Office of Public Safety
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Centers

GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GSK IND	Glaxosmithkline Investigational New Drug
HCW	Healthcare Workers
HHAN	Health and Homeland Alert Network
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HPHC/HVMA	Harvard Pilgrim Health Care/Vanguard Medical Associates
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HSPD	Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8
IDEP	The Infectious Disease Emergency Planning
IDSA	Infectious Diseases Society of America
ILI	Influenza-like Illness
NREVSS	National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System
IC	Incident Commander
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IFA	Immunofluorescence Antibody
ISCU	Influenza Specialty Care Unit
LHD	Local Health Departments
LIMS	Laboratory Information Management System
LPAI	Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza
LRN	Laboratory Response Network
MAA	Mutual Aid Agreements
MAESF	Massachusetts Emergency Support Function
MAHB	Massachusetts Association of Health Boards
MAHP	The Massachusetts Association of Health Plans
MAPHN	The Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses
MassPRO	The Massachusetts Quality Improvement Organization
MCAAP	The Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
MCB	Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
MCDHH	Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
MDAR	Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
MDMH	Massachusetts Department of Mental Health
MDPH	Massachusetts Department of Public Health
MEMA	Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
MEMT	Massachusetts Emergency Management Team
M.G.L.	Massachusetts General Law
MHA	The Massachusetts Hospital Association
MHOA	The Massachusetts Health Officers Association
MIDS	The Massachusetts Infectious Disease Society
MMS	The Massachusetts Medical Society
MNA	The Massachusetts Nurses Association

MRC	Medical Reserve Corps
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant <i>S. Aureus</i>
MSAR	Massachusetts System for Advance Registration
MSNO	The Massachusetts School Nurse Organization
NEDRIX	New England Disaster Recovery Information Exchange
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NNDSS	National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System
NVSL	National Veterinary Services Laboratory
OSHA	Occupational Health and Safety Administration
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
PHLIS	Public Health Information System
PIO	Public Information Officer
PORT	Patient Outcomes Research Team
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PSI	Pneumonia PORT Severity Index
REVB	Respiratory and Enteric Viruses Branch
RMCC	Regional Medical Coordinating Center
RSV	Respiratory Syncytial Virus
RTD-PCR	Real Time Detection
RVRS	Registry of Vital Records and Statistics
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SEOC	State Emergency Operations Center
SLI	State Laboratory Institute
SPN	Sentinel Provider Network
UASI	Urban Area Security Initiative
UMass	University of Massachusetts
U.S.C.	United States Code
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
VAERS	Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System
VIS	Vaccine Information Statement
VNA	Visiting Nurse Associations
WHO	World Health Organization